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TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, JA, XF

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION: STATEMENT OF JAPANESE

POSITION

REF: TOKYO 15260

1. FOR TOKYO - DEPT DOES NOT INTEND TO VOLUNTEER COMMENT
ON JAPANESE STAEMENT, BUT IN RESPONSE TO ANTICIPATED
QUESTIONS REGARDING US REACTION DEPT SPOKESMAN WILL
MAKE FOLLOWING REPLY:

2. BEGIN EXT: WHILE WE HAVE CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY
FOR THE DIFFICULTIES FACING JAPAN BECAUSE OF THE
THREATENED CUTBACKS OF THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM FROM
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ARAB SOURCES, WE REGRET THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO MAKE A STATEMENT OF THIS
NATURE, WHICH WILL MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE SETTLEMENT
BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242, AN OBJECTIVE

WHICH BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN SHARE. END TEXT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUESTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN WILL STATE THAT WE WERE OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF THE JAPANESE POSITION ABOUT TWO HOURS BEFORE IT WAS RELEASED IN TOKYO. ON BACKGROUND, WE WOULD REPEAT THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE SECRETARY TODAY THAT OUR POLICY WILL NOT BE INFLUENCED BY PRESSURE FROM ANY QUARTER.

4. CHARGE MAY PROVIDE GOJ WITH FOREGOING TEXT WHEN HE RECEIVES OFFICIAL TEXT OF JAPANESE STATEMENT FROM TOGO ON MORNING NOVEMBER 22. CHARGE SHOULD ADD THAT US VIEWS ON SUBJECT HAVE BEEN MADE CLEAR TO GOJ THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH SECSTATE IN TOKYO AND WASHINGTON, AND THAT WE REGRET HAVING PUBLICLY TO DISASSOCIATE OURSELVES FROM JAPANESE POSITION BUT FELT ACTION WAS NECESSARY TO IMPRESS ON ARABS THAT PRESSURE ON US THROUGH OUR ALLIES WOULD NOT HAVE DESIRED EFFECT.

5. FOR INFO ADDRESSEES: POST MAY USE FOREGOING IN REPLYING TO QUERIES FROM HOST GOVERNMENT AFTER JAPANESE ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE. KISSINGER

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